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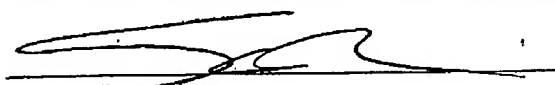
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 7, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

On the priority issue, the examiner maintains the previous insistence that only claims directed to gadolinium nitrate are entitled to priority. The examiner states that the "genus of solid state nitrates is not disclosed". The examiner's analysis ignores the skill of